

AMBLECOTE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



R E P O R T S

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1964

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AMBLECOTE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

as at December 1964

Chairman - Public Health Committee - Councillor H.J.Clarke

Councillors:-

A. J. Mees, J.P., (Chairman of the Council)

W. T. Hollis (Vice-Chairman)

W. Evans

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AMBLECOTE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1964.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you the Annual Report for the year ended December 31st 1964.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Urban District in acres .. .. .. ..	665
Number of inhabited dwellings .. .. .. ..	1039
Population Registrar General's estimate of resident population 1st July 1964 .. ..	3000
Rateable Value .. .. .. ..	£199,038
Sum represented by a penny rate .. .. .. ..	£748

Dr A. R. Kennedy is allocated:-

5/11 - M.O.H. Seisdon R.D.C.  
11/22 - M. O. Staffordshire County Council  
1/22 - M.O.H. Amblecote U.D.C.

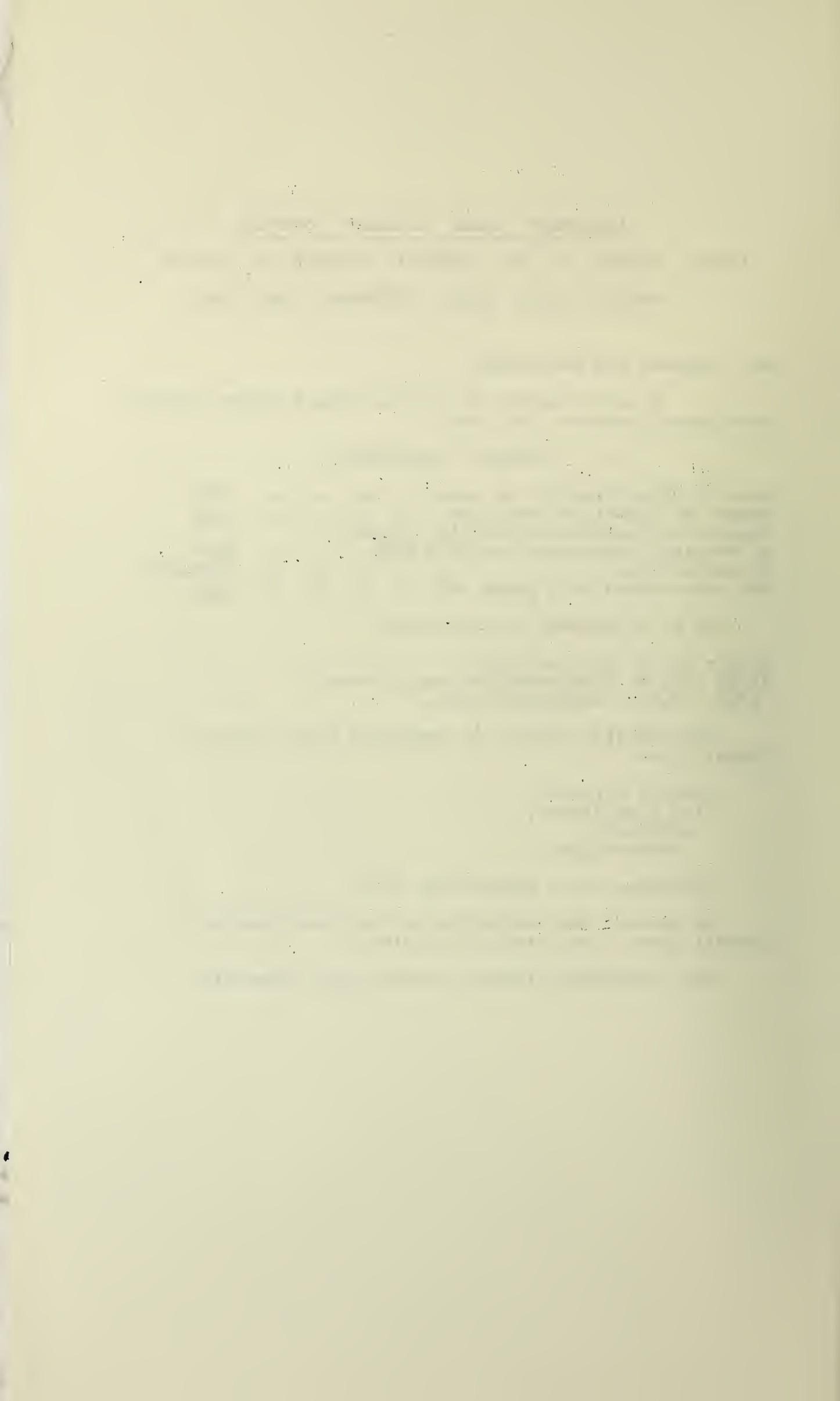
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In general the statistics of the Urban District Council show a good state of affairs.

The Infectious Diseases records are favourable.



1964  
Amblecote1964  
England and  
Wales

<u>Population</u>	3000	
<u>Live Births</u>		
Number	57	
Rate per 1000 population	19	18.4
Illegitimate Live Births (% of total live births)	One infant 1.8%	6.9% (1963)
<u>Stillbirths</u>		
Number	NIL	-
Rate per 1000 total live and still Births	NIL	16.3
Total Live and Still Births	57	
<u>Infant Deaths</u> (deaths under 1 year)	NIL	
<u>Infant Mortality Rates</u>		
Total Infant Deaths per 1000 total live births	NIL	20.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live births	NIL	
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births	NIL	
<u>Neo-natal Mortality Rate</u> (deaths under four weeks per 1000 total live births)	NIL	13.8
<u>Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate</u> (deaths under one week per 1000 total live births)	NIL	
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u> (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1000 total live and still births)	NIL	29.3 (1963)
<u>Maternal Mortality</u> (including abortion)	NIL	
Number of deaths	NIL	
Rate per 1000 total live and still births	NIL	0.25
Births:-		
Comparability Factor	1.06	
Standardised Birth Rate	20.14	18.4
<u>Live Births</u>	M. F. Total	
Total	34 23 57	
Legit.	33 23 56	
Illegit.	1 - 1	



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## CAUSES OF DEATH - 1964

Disease		Male	Female
Carcinoma Lung	...	2	0
Carcinoma other site	...	2	2
Vascular lesions of central nervous system	...	3	1
Coronary Heart Disease	...	1	2
Other Heart Diseases, Hypertension		0	3
Diabetes	...	1	0
Influenza	...	1	0
Bronchitis	...	4	0
Nephritis	...	1	0
Other defined diseases and ill-defined diseases	...	2	2
Motor Vehicle Accident	...	1	0
Totals	...	18	10

Number of deaths ... ... ... 28

1. Death Rate per 1000 population (Amblecote Urban) 9.33
2. Comparability Factor (Amblecote Urban) 1.00
3. Standardised Death Rate (Amblecote Urban) 9.33
4. Death Rate England and Wales (1963) 11.3



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#### GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE OF THE URBAN DISTRICT

The execution of National Health Service Act, 1946. Responsibilities are carried out by the Staffordshire County Council through the agency of Brierley Hill Area Health Committee (i.e. Health Visiting, Care of Mothers and Young Children, Vaccination and Immunisation, etc.)

Hospitals serving the population are Corbett Hospital Stourbridge, Wordsley Hospital, Dudley Guest Hospital, Hayley Green Isolation Hospital, Moxley Isolation Hospital, Prestwood Sanatorium and Himley Sanatorium.

Reports on the Factory Act and on progress in Housing may be found later on in the report.

#### WATER SUPPLY, etc.

This is provided and controlled by the North West Worcestershire Water Board. There are three Pumping Stations and two of them are sited in Amblecote; Coalbournbrook Pumping Station and Mill Meadow Pumping Station.

Chlorination apparatus is available at all the stations operated by the Board and a continuous dose of 0.2 p.p.million is applied to the water at source.

The water is tested chemically and bacteriologically by the North West Worcestershire Water Board. I am indebted to Mr. J. Septimus Brown, the Engineer to the Water Board for confirmation that the results were satisfactory in 1964.

All the bacteriological samples taken of water in 1964 fell into Class I of the Ministry of Health definition.

#### Fluoride values of water

Coalbournbrook Pumping Station Amblecote ...

Fluoride value 0.1 - 0.15 p.p.m. (1964)

Mill Meadow Pumping Station Amblecote ...

Fluoride value 0.08 p.p.m. (1963)

The water supplied is not plumbo-solvent. No form of contamination was found during the year.

Water Every house in the Urban District has a mains piped water supply.

Sewerage There are no urgent sewerage projects required.

Cess Pools Eight houses situated in remote parts are on cess pools.

Houses	Local Authority	...	...	278
	Private	...	...	761
	Total	...	...	1039



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FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken during the year 1964

GENERAL SAMPLES

Number of samples taken	= 15
Number of samples genuine	= 14
Number of samples adulterated	= 1

CLASSIFICATION

Sweet Pickle  
Raspberry Milk Shake Syrup  
Lemonade Shandy  
Indian Tonic Water  
Canadian Sild in Tomato  
Superfine Tips Tea  
Pork Sausage with preservative  
Chopped Pork  
Blackcurrant Juice Syrup  
Cough Mixture  
Foaming Limeade Powder  
Chocolate  
Margarine  
Mixed Vegetables  
Parsley Sauce Mixture

PARTICULARS OF ADULTERATED SAMPLE

3 C/L - Chopped Pork - Formal Sample

9.7% deficient of its proper proportion  
of Pork. Caution

LIST OF MILK SAMPLES TAKEN DURING THE YEAR 1964

Untreated	-
Pasteurised	12
Sterilised	8
	<u>20</u>
	All genuine

The list of samples taken within the Urban District during 1964 were sampled and tested by the Staffordshire County Council.



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### Infectious Diseases

Notifications in 1964 have been as follows:-

Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	2
Measles	...	...	...	3
Tuberculosis - Lung	...	...	...	1
Puerperal Pyrexia				1

### MOBILE CHEST X-RAY CENTRES

Sessions available from 1.4.1964

#### Kidderminster

Coventry Street Clinic MONDAY 2.30 p.m. - 4.0 p.m.

#### Dudley

1 Priory Road MONDAY 9.45 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.  
THURSDAY 11.0 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.  
1.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
4.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

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#### Wolverhampton

##### STATIS CENTRE

New Cross Hospital Every morning )  
except Friday } between 9 a.m.  
and Saturday } and 12.15 p.m.  
  
Tuesday, Wednesday and } between 2 p.m.  
Thursday afternoon } and 4.30 p.m.

### Tuberculin Skin Testing (Contacts only)

Every Monday (Except Bank Holidays)  
between 11 a.m. and 12 noon.

Expectant mothers should be X-rayed on large film,  
and special sessions are held for them every Friday  
between

9.0 a.m. - 12.15 noon  
2.0. p.m.- 4.30 p.m.

### TUBERCULOSIS

Register of cases in the Urban District:-

4 males  
5 females  
9 total

Males 4 Respiratory T.B.  
Females 2 Respiratory T.B. 3 Non-Respiratory T.B.

Ages of Males T.B. (Respiratory) - 23, 46, 55, 59.  
Ages of Females T.B. (Respiratory) - 4, 23.  
Ages of Females T.B. (Non-Respiratory) - 27, 47, 51.



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FACTORIES ACTS  
PART 1 of the Act

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	2	2	-	-
2) Factories not included in				
(1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	52	58	6	-
3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	54	60	6	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	
	Found (1)	Remedied (2)	To H.M. By H.M. Inspec- Referrer ctor (3)	Inspec- tor (4)	which prosecutions were instituted (5)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2)	7	7		1	
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective					
(c) Not separate for sexes					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork			1	1	
TOTALS	8	8		1	

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,  
A.R.KENNEDY  
Medical Officer of Health.



AMBLECOTE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1964

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my annual report for the year 1964 as follows:-

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

All houses are provided with water closets although some still share one w.c. to two houses.

REMOVAL OF HOUSEHOLD REFUSE

All houses are provided with suitable portable receptacles for the household ashes and refuse. It has not been found necessary to put into operation a scheme for the provision of Dust Bins by the Council. Notices requiring the replacement of worn out receptacles have been complied with and no proceedings have been necessary. Refuse removal is carried out by direct labour, a weekly collection has been maintained. Disposal is by controlled tipping. The Council's tip is at Bagleys Road where land is being reclaimed for Public Open Space. A Karrier Bantam Refuse Lorry is used and has proved both economical and satisfactory.

PAPER SALVAGE

It has been found impossible to sell waste paper and all the paper collected has been disposed of on the Council's tip.



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#### HOUSING

During the year eight new dwellings were built, all by private enterprise.

#### HOUSING ACT 1957 DEMOLITION ORDERS

No Demolition Orders were made during the year as the housing programme was delayed. During the year the following sub-standard properties were demolished by the owners to make way for new development without the Council taking any action:- 81, 82 and 82A High Street, 72, 73 and 74 Brettell Lane, 67, 70 and 71 Vicarage Road.

My Council are developing 10 acres of land for housing purposes in order to rehouse all persons in unfit houses within the Urban District.

There are still some 144 sub-standard properties which may be subject to action under the Housing Act within the next five years.

#### HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT 1959 DISCRETIONARY GRANTS & STANDARD GRANTS

3 applications were made for Standard Grants and 1 application for a Discretionary Grant. A total of £613 was paid in respect thereof. This is a 27% decrease on the amount paid in grants the previous year. No repair Notices under the Housing Acts have been issued.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936

37 Informal and Statutory Notices within the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936 were served in respect of miscellaneous defects at 30 houses. No proceedings at the Magistrates Court were necessary.



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RENT ACT 1957

No certificates of disrepair were issued.

Overcrowding There is no known overcrowding within the Urban District. The average number of persons per house is 3.0.

NOMADIC CARAVAN DWELLERS

During the year we were free from visits of nomadic caravan dwellers.

VERMINOUS PERSONS AND PREMISES

No premises had been found to be infested and no complaint of infestation had been received.

WATER SUPPLY

See Report of Medical Officer of Health.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955  
MILK

See Report of Medical Officer of Health.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES ACT 1958

There are three retail Butchers. They obtain their meat as follows:- (1) from Dudley (Dudley Co-operative Society); (2) from Wolverhampton Abattoir; (3) from Kidderminster. In each instance there is 100% inspection by qualified Inspectors. There have been no seizures or surrender of unsound meat. Very few pigs are fed by ordinary householders. No notices to slaughter swine, etc. on private premises were received in 1963.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933. Two persons only are licensed to slaughter or stun animals in a Slaughterhouse. There is no Knacker Yard in your District.



## FOOD HYGIENE

All the food shops and canteens had been inspected regularly and it has not been found necessary to take any legal Proceedings.

Food is sold by retail in the following shops:-  
 Business premises only - Grocers 5; Butchers 1; Greengrocer 1. Combined shops and dwelling houses - Grocers and General 9; Butchers 2; Greengrocers 3; Sweets, Tobacco etc. 3; Fried Fish 2; Café 1.

Eleven factories have Canteens for their employees.

One "Model" Bakery (Factory) is in operation from which Bread is distributed over a wide area.

No Ice Cream is manufactured in your area. 20 premises are registered for the storage and sale thereof. They are each fitted with a suitable "Conservator". The premises comprise 17 Shops, 1 Café, 1 Sports Pavilion and 1 Public House.

One market, a private one, operates for the sale and distribution of agricultural produce. It is also used as an Egg Packing Station. There is no public market nor are there any stalls for street trading.

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS

The following premises had been treated for infestations of Rats and Mice:- Factories 9, Business premises 3, Hospitals 1, Dwelling Houses 15. The Factories are, by arrangement, treated quarterly. The work is performed by an "Operator" employed by Brierley Hill Urban District Council. The assistance in this direction of the Chief Public Health Inspector at Brierley Hill, is appreciated. A charge to cover the cost of treatment



is made in respect of premises other than dwelling houses. The Sewers have been treated. The only infestations found were in new lengths of sewers, infestation apparently occurring during the construction of new sewers and drains.

#### SMOKE AND ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The year has seen a further improvement in this field and all heating boilers have either automatic stokers, are oil fired or burn coke.

Grit and Dust from Furnaces Suitable grit arrestors are now fitted to all cupolas within the area. There has been close co-operation between the Alkali Inspector and myself in respect of factories at which we have joint responsibilities. This co-operation has been greatly appreciated.

There is still a lot of planning required to be done where residential areas abut directly on to factories. It is inevitable that some nuisance from grit and fumes will occur occasionally. The only long term solution is for residential areas to be isolated from heavy industrial areas by a suitable Buffer zone.

Smoke Control Areas Four areas are in course of preparation for submission as Smoke Control Areas.

#### PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

No premises are licenced.

#### OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

40 premises were registered during the year. They were as follows:- Offices 16; Retail Shops 12, Wholesale Shops and Warehouses 2; Catering Shops open to the public 10. No accidents were reported during the year.



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20 premises are licensed to store petroleum spirit in the area, the total amount licensed being 20,135 gallons. Licence fees amounted to £15. 5s. Od. 1 licence covering the storage of 224 lbs Calcium Carbide was issued, the fee amounted to 5s. Od.

In conclusion I would like to thank my colleagues and staff for the assistance rendered to me.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee my thanks for their confidence and support.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

T.A. WASS  
Public Health Inspector.





